



# City of Burnie Brass Band Inc.

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## **131<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SECRETARY REPORT**

The 2021/2022 year has been another interesting year for the band.

Similar to last financial year, both COVID 19 and the ongoing uncertainty around the future of our band rooms have presented a number of challenges for our organisation. However, despite these pressures, the City of Burnie Brass Band have managed to maintain the positive growth of our organisation that began in the second half of 2021.

While our whole group sessions for Get Brassy! and Development Band were placed on hold during the first half of 2022, we continued to offer family tuition for each of our junior family groups and had a large number of our junior players compete in both solo and duet sections in the Burnie Eisteddfod.

Upon the return of our whole band sessions in Term 3, we now have an ever increasing Get Brassy! group with approximately 15 players, including four adult learners. Our Development Band now has approximately 23 members and we have of course welcomed four new members to our Senior Band.

The band have continued to maintain strong partnerships with both the Salvation Army and the Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden and thank both of these groups for their support.

We have continued to participate in a range of performances including the Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden's Spring and Autumn Festivals, the Burnie Christmas Market and Strahan Family Christmas Night, Australia Day 2021, ANZAC Day, Sea Sunday – Mission to Sea Farers and most notably the performance "Star Dust and the Mission". The band also hosted a wonderful concert at the end of 2021 to launch the Burnie Arts and Function Centre's new subscription year. This was a brilliant concert, well received by all who attended, and was a fantastic opportunity to show-case both our Senior Band and Get Brassy!.

I would like to thank all of the committee for their exceptional behind the scenes work that helps to ensure we are able to keep making such positive gains. A special thanks goes particularly to those, both on and off the committee, who have been heavily involved in meetings to secure the future of a new home for the band.

On behalf of the band, I would like to extend an extra special thanks to Alwyn Boyd who has continued to provide exceptional support to the band, much of which goes unseen. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated supporter.

I think we can all look forward to a bright and exciting future for the City of Burnie Brass Band as we move into the next year.

Yours Sincerely,

Rebecca Wells  
SECRETARY